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Announcement Academic Administrative Appointments

Dear OISE Community,

I am extremely pleased to announce the reappointment of three outstanding members of OISE’s academic leadership team. All three have been serving in their roles since July 1, 2015, and their current terms will be ending on June 30, 2020. Following broad consultation, careful review by advisory committees, and approval by the University of Toronto, the following appointments are being renewed:

Professor Nina Bascia has been appointed to a second term as Chair of the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. Nina’s accomplishments as Chair include leading the department through a number of successful faculty searches and reviews, the development of two new Ed.D. programs, one in the international stream, as well as rigorous departmental academic planning and quality assurance processes. Nina is a thoughtful and experienced leader devoted to community building, collegiality, and diversity in the department and across OISE. She brings a wealth of academic administrative experience to her role, having previously served as Chair of the Department of Theory and Policy Studies and Associate Chair of both TPS and LHAE. In the midst of her leadership activities, Nina maintains a high level of supervision and publication in her research areas of educational policy analysis and program evaluation; organizational and social contexts of teaching and administration; and teacher leadership and development.

Professor Michele Peterson-Badali has been appointed to a second term as Associate Dean, Research, International & Innovation from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. Under Michele’s leadership as Associate Dean, OISE has enjoyed an increasingly high level of success in its research grant and award activities, and an unsurpassed variety of research supports, services, and initiatives for our faculty. She has also guided OISE through exciting new opportunities in innovation, and effectively led the International Advisory Group through OISE’s academic planning process. Her extensive leadership experience also includes service as Associate Chair of APHD and as a member of the university’s Academic Board. Before and throughout her term as Associate Dean, Michele has maintained an outstanding record of research, publication, and supervision. She is a registered psychologist and a leading international scholar known for her research on children’s and adolescents’ knowledge, reasoning, perceptions, and experiences of the youth justice system, their understanding of rights, and their evolving legal capacities.
**Professor Earl Woodruff** has been appointed to a second term as Chair of the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025. During his first term as Chair, Earl has led the department through a number of successful faculty searches and reviews, the development of a new Ed.D. program in Child Study and Education, as well as rigorous departmental academic planning and quality assurance processes. He has distinguished himself through his attention to international student recruitment and success, the development of new international partnerships, and his competent, innovative financial management. Prior to serving as Chair, Earl served as Associate Chair of the department from 2008 to 2012. He maintains a highly active research program focused on computer supported learning environments and flexible modes of education; technology, play and gaming; and investigations into emotion and cognitive engagement.

It has been a true pleasure working alongside these three exemplary colleagues and leaders, and I am delighted that they will be continuing in their critical leadership roles. I am confident that they will continue, and build upon, the enormous contributions they have been making to OISE. Please join me in congratulating Nina, Michele, and Earl on their renewed appointments!

Take care,

Glen A. Jones, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean